

## Treasury Department,

## BUREAU OF THE MINT,

Washington, D. C., May 10, 1886.

Sir:

Referring to your letter of the 8<sup>th</sup> instant, I appreciate very much the good offices of his honor the Mayor of Philadelphia in having extended to you the privilege of the police telephone, by a wire communicating with your office. If the Mayor would run a similar wire to the Post Office vaults it seems to me it would be a better expedient than running a private wire from your office to them. I infer that the signal box will be placed in the vestibule, or at least audible to the watchmen. In case of a disturbance it would be impracticable to reinforce one watch from another, it does not seem to me that a private wire would answer as effectively the purpose desired.

In this matter, however, pray use your own discretion, as any reasonable expenditure in the way of precaution under the present exposed condition of the treasures of the Mint will, in my opinion, be justifiable.

Yours, Daniel M. Fox,  
Superintendent Mint,  
Philadelphia

Very respectfully,

Samuel H. Kimball  
Director of the Mint



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In this matter, however, pray use your own discretion, as any reasonable expenditure in the way of prevention under the present express condition of the treasurers of the Mint will, in my opinion, be justifiable.

Very respectfully,  
James P. Kimball  
Director of the Mint

Hon. Daniel M. Fox  
Superintendent Mint,  
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